

Logistic regression: Takeaways

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Syntax

- Defining the logistic function:

```
def logistic(x):  
    """  
    np.exp(x) raises x to the exponential power e^x. e ~= 2.71828  
    """  
  
    return np.exp(x) / (1 + np.exp(x))
```

- Instantiating a logistic regression model:

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression  
  
linear_model = LogisticRegression()
```

- Training a logistic regression model:

```
logistic_model.fit(admissions[["gpa"]], admissions["admit"])
```

- Returning predicted probabilities for a column:

```
pred_probs = logistic_model.predict_proba(admission[["gpa"]])
```

Concepts

- In classification, our target column has a finite set of possible values, which represent different categories a row can belong to.
- In binary classification, there are only two options for values:
 - `0` for the False condition.
 - `1` for the True condition.
- Categorical values are used to represent different options or categories. Classification focuses on estimating the relationship between the independent variables and the dependent categorical variable.

- One technique of classification is called logistic regression. While a linear regression model outputs a real number as the label, a logistic regression model outputs a probability value.
- The logistic function is a version of the linear function that is adapted for classification. Mathematically, the logistic function is represented as the following:

where e^x is the exponential transformation to transform all values to be positive, and $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$ is the normalization transformation to transform all values between 0 and 1.

Resources

- [Documentation for the LogisticRegression class](#)
- [Documentation for the predict_proba method](#)



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